

ISIS-2169

PATENT

Q is $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, $-\text{CONR}'\text{R}''$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ or $-\text{SO}_2\text{NR}'\text{R}''$ or an activated derivative of $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ or $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$; and

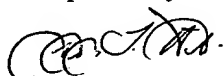
I is $-\text{NHR}'''\text{R}''''$ or $-\text{NR}'''\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}''''$ where R' , R'' , R''' and R'''' are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, amino protecting groups, reporter ligands, intercalators, chelators, peptides, proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, steroids, oligonucleotides and soluble and non-soluble polymers.

REMARKS

Claims 12-19 and 23-25 are pending in this application.

Claims 12-19 and 22-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for alleged indefiniteness. The foregoing amendment correcting an apparent clerical error in the definition of group G in claim 25 is believed to render this rejection moot. It is believed all of the claims presently before the Examiner are both clear and definite and are otherwise in condition for ready allowance. An early Office Action to that effect is, therefore, earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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